THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A request was received in the Planning Commission from Chief Minister of Punjab for grant-in-aid of Rs. 50 crores for the establishment of Baba Farid-University of Health Sciences at Faridkot. A token provision of Rs. 10 lakh was made for in the Annual Plan 1997-98 and for Annual Plan 1998-99 a provision of Rs. 5.00 crores has been made for the purpose by the Planning Commission. However, detailed project document has not been received and the same will be considered by the Planning Commission as and when the same is received. Health is a State subject and responsibility of providing Health care facilities and establishment of institutions of medical education is the concern of respective State Governments.

CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries in the Capital

2230. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) in which year the last CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary/unit was set up in the capital;

(b) the number of allopathic CGHS dispensaries/units set up since the last CGHS homoeopathic dispensary/unit was set up in the capital; and

(c) the reasons for discrimination in setting up Homoeopathic CGHS dispensaries in comparison to other system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) 1986

(b) Seven

(c) As there is more demand for opening of Allopathic dispensaries compared to other systems of medicine and due to constraint of resources, no new Homoeopathic dispensary/Unit could be opened after 1985.

Issue of Ayurvedic Medicines by CGHS dispensaries in Hyderbad-Secundrabad

2231. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS dispensaries in Hyderabad-Secunderabad have started giving Ayurvedic Medicines, instead of the prescribed Allopathic medicines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken against those involved in the racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Research on contents of Bottled Mineral Water

2232. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the results of a research on contents of bottled mineral water being marketed in India, being conducted by the Consumer Education and Research Society, Ahmedabad;

(b) if not, whether he would enquire into the results of such researches;

(c) whether 10 out of 21 sampled bottles of mineral water sold in the market have failed the tests; and

(d) whether floating particles, arsenic aluminium, etc. found in the sampled bottles violate the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act?